



Extension Winnebago County Review

DECEMBER 2020

The Extension Winnebago County team continues to extend research-based information and provide outreach education programs to the residents of Winnebago County and beyond. Please take a few moments to explore some of the highlights of the last month.

FoodWise - Kris Soper

- **Cooking Matters:** Working with the COWW county WIC offices for virtual cooking classes for families. Currently working on flyers and Facebook pages. These begin in January.
- **Mapping Workshops:** Working with Theresa Curtis on the new virtual mapping workshop. More lessons are coming. These workshops show where the pockets of poverty are in our area and across the state. The virtual lessons can be broken down into very specific information.
- **Google Classroom:** Recently just finished my first Google Classroom. I will be sending offers out to schools in Winnebago County for lessons in the new year.
- **Food Security Project:** Working on a team with FoodWise and local partners on Food Security issues in our area.
- **Canva:** Working on learning the ins and outs of using Canva.
- **Time off:** Will be taking time off during the holiday season.

Community Development - Mia Ljung

- Coordinated monthly programming with the [ColorBold Business Association](#) in partnership with Lily Alvarado from [WWBIC](#), Appleton Public Library's [Small Business - Big Impact](#), and business owners of color on the 11/30 virtual event "Let's Talk Money" - we had a really engaged crowd and many questions answered.
- Hosted a ColorBold Spotlight of the Month with William Green from [Fox City Flix](#) and her 8-year old daughter and Innovation Director Canaja. Truly a family business!!! We broke our own record and reached 850 views! Check it out on Facebook [HERE](#). Fox City Flix was also awarded the competitive [We're All Innovating Contest](#).
- Business success stories from ColorBold Business Association where Mia supports business owners with technical support and business resources:
 - Dr. Shawn Robinson won second place in the competitive HATCH Event, excerpt from the press release: *Finishing second in the HATCH competition and receiving a prize of \$2,000 was Pure and Complete Phonics LLC, presented Dr. Shawn A. Robinson (aka "Doctor Dyslexia Dude"). The startup is developing an engaging, gamebased spelling and reading application for students in grades 4-8 with dyslexia that is authentic, realistic and culturally responsive.* Read the [full press release HERE](#)

4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger

- **Virtual Holiday Make N Take Box Update:** The make n' take boxes were a hit! Youth created a ribbon wreath, peppermint ornament, snow globe, gnomes, and a glittered candle holder. Both Sarah and I taught the projects via zoom the first week in December. See our Facebook page for photos.
- **YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) Update:** Officer training virtual escape room planning is underway. The theme that the youth chose was "How Cornelius Covid Stole 4-H 2020" (a spin off of How the Grinch Stole Christmas). Their creativity never ceases to amaze! This training will be a fun way for club youth officers to learn more about the duties of their position and leadership skills.
- **Holiday Parade for Parkview:** On Dec 13th at 3:30pm we will be having a Drive -Thru Parade through the Parkview Grounds for residents to enjoy. 4-H families will have their vehicle decorated and play music!
- **4-H Fun Day!:** Every year the youth ambassadors plan a 4-H Fun Day that takes place in February. This year will be done virtual-style, and projects will be stretched out over the winter months (Jan-Feb-Mar) to help keep the youth engaged during the pandemic.
- **Area 10 4-H Coordinators** (Waupaca, Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago) are collaborating together and writing a grant through the 4-H Foundation to provide **Explore 4-H Activity Boxes** to youth that are not currently enrolled in 4-H. Winnebago County will be focusing on getting these free boxes (with scheduled participation zooms) out to after school programs. Our main goal is expanding access and outreach. This collaboration will most likely take place in spring.
- **LGBTQ Workgroup:** We are writing a grant to organize and hold a state-wide virtual book read focusing on LGBTQ youth challenges. The read will most likely take place this spring.

4-H Youth & Science - Sarah Thompson

- **4-H Make and Take boxes:** They were a hit! See Dana's message!
- **Menasha Schools:** I have been teaching some lessons via Google Meet with students and the after school site coordinators. We seem to get more interest each week!
- **Oshkosh Schools:** I am getting some videos together to be used with some of the Oshkosh after school programs.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh:** I am working with the staff to schedule some possible STEM lessons starting in January.
- **4-H Fun Friday Zooms:** The new schedule will be out soon!

Human Development & Relationships/Health & Well Being - Mandi Dornfeld

- **Grandparenting Update:** December 17th drive through event includes a distanced Santa and Elf. Many community members donated time and gifts to the efforts resulting in each family receiving: game/movie/hot chocolate night, breakfast to go, gift for each child, family photo, and a Feeding America dinner box.
- **Grief, Loss, and the Holidays:** Conducted one session for the community via zoom and had 15 people attend. Requests for two more before the holidays.
- **Generations in the Workplace:** for Neenah Rotary went well. Two more requests for same presentations for US Venture employees.
- **Calendar Updates for December and January:** Evening sessions of Taking Care of You: Mind, Body, Spirit; ACE Interface-Childhood Trauma, Trauma Informed Care Toolkit.
- **Sources of Strength:** Omro training in January, coaching calls continue for all schools in the project.
- **Stress Management:** Weekly newsletters, Winnebago County Wellness committee (new member), new programming coming to Winnebago in spring 2021 (WeCope).
- **Diversity Affairs:** Meetings are on the calendar for 2021!
- **Time off:** Took some days off during Thanksgiving and will do so over Christmas break as well.

Financial Education - Todd Wenzel

- **Rent Smart:** November online statewide classes via Zoom, 6 of 14 attendees earned RS certificate. 4 of 6 earning the Rent Smart certificate are Winnebago County residents.
- **Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force:** CDC federal eviction moratorium ends December 31. 53 evictions filed in Winnebago County in November, 586 total in 2020 through November. The Task Force has hired a professional facilitator to create an action plan to engage the community and relevant housing facilitators in the county to reduce evictions.
- **Oshkosh West High School:** Presented on the effects of credit history on rental applications to Personal Finance class at OWHS. Additional presentations on financial topics scheduled for Dec. and in 2021.
- **Housing Coalitions:** Attended both Fox Cities Housing Coalition and WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition November meetings. Extension was the featured agency for the FCHC meeting. I presented on financial education I provide, resources available from Extension, and highlighted Rent Smart and Encouraging Financial Conversations training.
- **EFC:** Encouraging Financial Conversations training for professionals is scheduled for January 2021. Participants will learn techniques and strategies to help their clients create a financial goals action plan, build and maintain good credit, pay off debts, develop a spending and savings plan, and protect themselves from fraud and identity theft. Offered in conjunction with colleagues in Dodge, Green Lake, Outagamie, and Washington counties. 33 social service professionals enrolled as of December 7.

Agriculture - John Thompson

- **Zoom Meetings - Planning of Programming:**
 - Crisis on the Farm Webinar Series - No January Webinar
 - Crops & Soils - 5 break out groups: Crop Production; Alternative Cropping; Pest Management; Nutrient Management; Soil Health
 - Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) - Course of action for 2021
 - Provided Educational Material to the Meat Animal Board
 - Northeast WI Agronomy Day - Scheduled for February 25, 2021
- **Webinars Attended:**
 - Crisis on the Farm - Year End Financial Discussions - Jonathan from University of Kentucky
 - Practical Solutions to Increase Lamb/Kid Survival
 - Winter Shelter for Small Ruminants
 - Grassworks (Grazing Group) - December Monthly Meeting
- **Webinars Scheduled to Attend:**
 - Grassworks - Monthly
- **Fielded Phone Calls and Emails from Producers about the Following Concerns & Issues:**
 - Assisted with design and set up of fertilizer system for corn planter
 - Assisted with calculations and analysis of the formula used for starter fertilizer to be purchased by the end of 2020 to get a better price and tax purposes.
 - Over seeding hay in pasture fields
 - Herbicide programs for use 2021

Horticulture - Kimberly Miller

- Scheduled to present this month. Program updates will be shared during the meeting.